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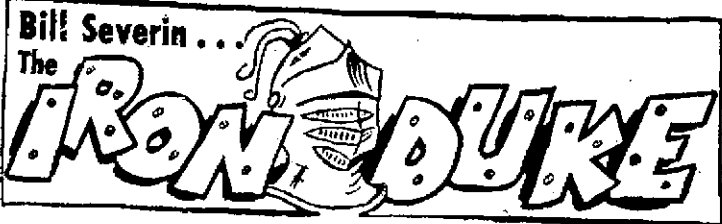
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8 Is Jinx at Charles City

Old newspaper clippings and other records that date back more than 100 years show that the killer tornado that hit Charles City May 15 was the fifth to hit that community and immediate vicinity since the town was founded—and all of them struck in years ending in eight.

Data on the earlier storms was supplied by Jim Bentley, 420 Western Ave., son of a pioneer Charles City family and now employed by Chamberlain Corp. in Waterloo.



Severin

BENTLEY, SEARCHING THROUGH old newspaper clippings and other family archives, reports that the first recorded tornado hit the then frontier village on June 8, 1858. The time of day was not recorded.

Other similar storms devastated the town on Aug. 31, 1878, striking at 5:05 p.m. and on May 31, 1908, at 5 p.m. On April 28, 1948, at 3 p.m. a tornado hit the community of Ionia, about eight air miles away.

Bentley says that the records seem to indicate that the earlier storms would have been as damaging as the one that hit 10 days ago, except for the fact that the community was much smaller in both area and population.

I find data on the population of Charles City when the first tornado hit, but in 1878 less than 3,000 people lived there and in 1908 the population was slightly more than 4,500. Present population is in excess of 10,000.

Borrowed Clothes for Ceremony

Truman Manship, Charles City, was inducted into the football coaches' Hall of Fame at Iowa City the other night garbed in a borrowed sports coat, a borrowed necktie, a hastily purchased shirt and trousers and he drove to Iowa City in a borrowed car.

Manship, who coached at Reinbeck and Tipton among other places before going to Charles City, took refuge with his wife, two grandchildren and a couple of other relatives in the basement of his home just before the tornado struck Charles City, May 17.

ALL SURVIVED, but when they emerged after the storm had passed they found their home gone, all furniture and clothing gone and their car destroyed.

Hit by this staggering loss, Manship first decided to pass up the Iowa City ceremony, but his son, who flew in from California, talked him into going. He borrowed the sports coat from one of his former football players, the necktie from his son and the manager of a storm-damaged Charles City department store let him in to pick out a shirt and trousers with the aid of a lantern and flashlight. A friendly automobile dealer loaned him the car.

Former West Waterloo High School Coach George Dutcher was also inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Iowa City ceremony.

LBJ Vows No Defeat in War During Parley

Warning To N. Viet

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson Thursday warned North Vietnam, which he said is pressing its aggression despite peace negotiations, that the United States "will not be defeated in the field while these talks go on."

In spite of the preliminary negotiations in Paris, Johnson said, "it still is not clear that Hanoi is ready for an early and honorable peace."

Citation for Gallantry

The warning came at White House ceremonies in which Johnson awarded a presidential unit citation for gallantry in action to the 26th Marine Regiment of the 3rd Marine Division which held Khe Sanh against a siege by larger enemy forces.

The President said the action held major North Vietnamese forces out of major engagements to the south and, in his

opinion, helped bring about the initial talks.

Hanoi's incentive to negotiate was "greatly strengthened," Johnson said, "by what these men did at Khe Sanh, because they demonstrated the futility of their (North Vietnam's) attempting to win a military victory in the South."

Voices Doubt

Then Johnson, standing in front of the massed battle flags and military honors of the 26th Regiment and the 3rd Division, voiced doubt Hanoi actually is ready for peace.

"The flow of infiltrators from Northern Vietnam has been greater," he said. "There has been no visible lessening of Hanoi's aggressive efforts. In

fact, Hanoi is telling its forces in the South that they must continue their aggressive effort to support their negotiators."

The United States, for its part, will continue to pursue the negotiations soberly and seriously, Johnson said.

"But this should also be clear: We will not be defeated on the battlefield while the talks go on," he added.

The United States, he said, "will not permit a victory that would make a mockery of the negotiations."

Harriman: Talks May Fail

PARIS (AP) — Ambassador W. Averell Harriman, conceding that the U.S.-Vietnam peace negotiations could fail, said Thursday: "You can't keep talks going just as a propaganda medium."

North Vietnam's envoy to the discussions, Xuan Thuy, had raised Wednesday the possibility of failure. In the same speech he appealed to U.S. and world opinion to put pressure on Washington to end promptly and unconditionally all bombing and other acts of war against North Vietnam.

Harriman was asked Thursday when he left his office in the U.S. Embassy whether he considered Thuy's statement a threat.

Not Much of a Threat

He replied that he didn't take it as "much of a threat," that it seemed to him to arise naturally from other subjects Thuy had been discussing. Then Harriman

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Two Killed In Oelwein Car Crash

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE) OELWEIN — A National Guardsman and a woman were killed about 5:30 a.m. Thursday morning in a two-car collision on Iowa 3 about 10 miles east of Oelwein.

The Highway Patrol said Don Pierson, 22, of rural Strawberry Point, was returning home from guard duty at Oelwein and Mrs. Lillian Welch, 47, of Arlington, was driving to work at a nursing home in Oelwein.

Both were alone in their cars. Guardsmen were dispatched to Oelwein after it was struck by a tornado last week.

Sorry We Were Late

Because of press difficulties Wednesday, many subscribers were late in receiving their Waterloo Daily Courier.

We are sorry.

This notice is printed to indicate that the fault was not that of your newspaper boy.

1,500 Youths Seeking Work This Summer

About 1,500 youths have applied here for summer jobs, and only 300 openings remain. Story on page 9.

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De Gaulle, Cabinet Ponder Way Out of Crippling Strike

PARIS (AP) — President Charles de Gaulle and his ministers, meeting Thursday in an unusual holiday session, pondered ways out of the strangling nationwide work stoppages. But there was no announcement of any decisions in the session, which lasted nearly four hours.

Information Minister Georges Corse, talking with newsmen after the Ascension Day Cabinet meeting in the Elysee Palace, put off questions by saying: "You can understand that, on the eve of the speech by Gen. de Gaulle, I can reply to no questions." De Gaulle is to address the reeling nation by radio and television Friday night.

Gorse read a brief commu-

unique which said the ministers had brought the Cabinet up to date "on the economic and social situation and the measures taken to insure the functioning of the services in response to the priority needs of the nation."

On the student front—troubled by new violent demonstrations Wednesday night and early Thursday — Gorse said: "There is fear of new trouble. That is why the government calls on students to break with agitators. University reforms will take place and the students will be associated with them."

Gorse also officially confirmed that Interior Minister Christian Fouchet had banned

the return to France of one of the student leaders, Daniel Cohn-Bendit, who is now in Frankfurt. It was when word of this leaked out that about 5,000 students swarmed through the Latin Quarter Wednesday night. A new student demonstration was set for Friday night.

Border controls were tightened but Cohn-Bendit declared in Frankfurt he is determined to re-enter France and that German students will help him.

"The border is long," he said. "We'll make it."

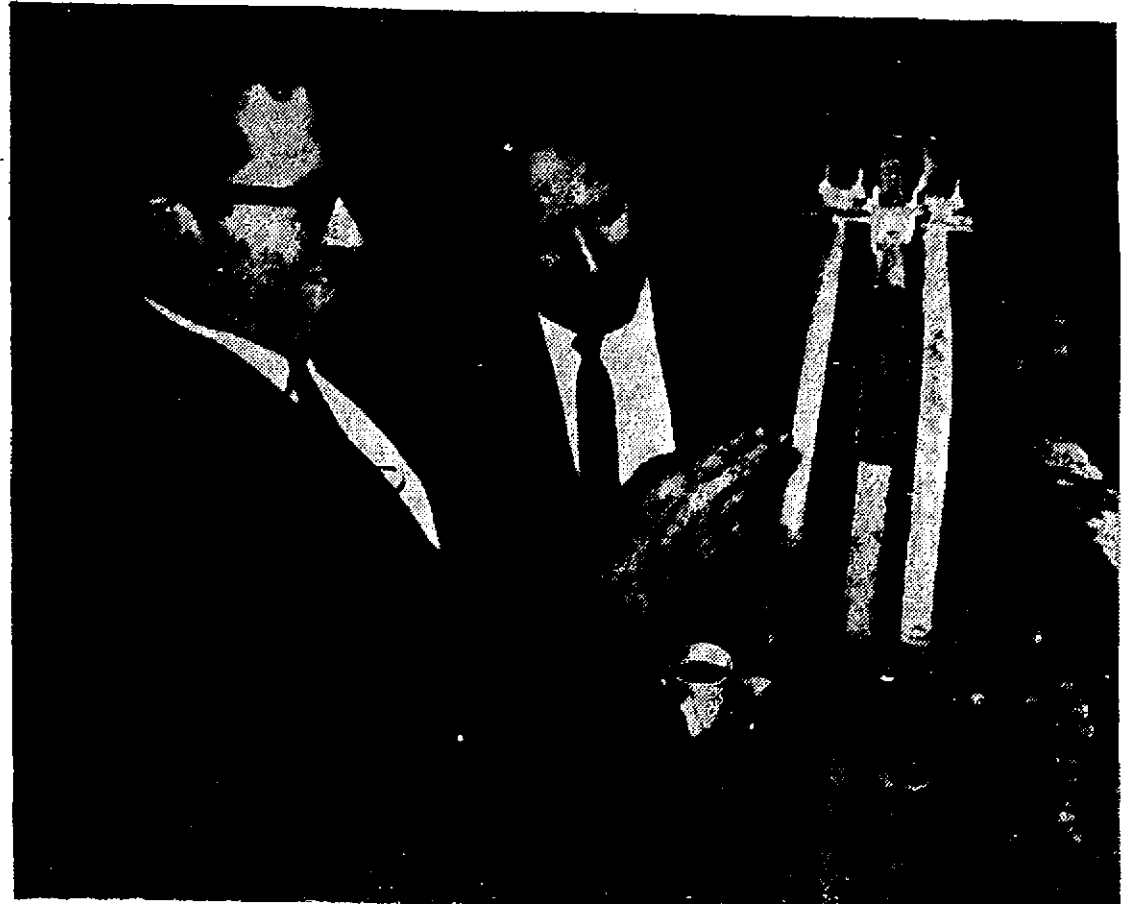
A red-haired youth, 23, of German-Jewish parentage and German citizenship, Cohn-Bendit

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BURNING PROTEST IN PARIS — Youths feed a fiery barricade of uncollected garbage and produce crates across a street in the Latin Quarter of Paris early Thursday morning. Youths clashed with police throughout the night. The strike continues in France and an estimated 50 per cent of the nation's workers are still off their jobs.

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SUSPECT FOUND — Harris County sheriff's criminal investigators, Neal A. Rogers, left and Hugh Irbay look over the area of wiring that shorted and caused some 85 police officers a sleepless night at Houston, Tex. The shorted electrical wiring apparently created a false impression that shots were being fired around an oyster shell crushing plant on the Houston Ship Channel. Police searched the area all night for a phantom sniper.

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Short Circuit

'Phantom Sniper' Fires 75-100 Shots

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Sheriff's officers said Thursday that shorted electrical wiring apparently created a false impression that shots were being fired around an oyster shell crushing plant on the Houston Ship Channel.

They had searched through the night for a phantom sniper blamed for firing an estimated 70 to 100 bullets in intermittent bursts.

'Loud Popping Noises'

"Our men on the scene radioed that the loud popping noises — they sounded just like a .22 rifle — were coming from inside a big hopper used to load cement," deputy sheriff Steve Aaron said near dawn.

He said wiring inside the machinery carried 440 volts of electricity and sparks leaping across the shorted area presumably caused the sounds.

Up to 75 city, county and state officers began a search after night watchman Leroy Jones

reported gunfire was peppering around the Mayo Shell Co. plant. It is beside the ship channel in an area east from downtown Houston.

Jones and sheriff's dispatcher Frank Wingo both told newsmen that shots were fired at intervals of 30 to 40 minutes.

Thought He Was Hit

Wingo said deputy sheriff John Brite even believed that a bullet struck his right boot heel but all the other supposed shots went wild.

It was not until the shell company's yard foreman, Ed Selke, arrived about 6 a.m. that the apparent source of the crackling sounds was suspected.

"A conveyor recently has been stalled on the shell hopper," Selke said. "A wire must have shorted inside a conduit. I'm sure that's what it was but we're having an electrician check it out."

U.S. Pilots Flying More Missions Against N. Viet, Losing More Planes

SAIGON (AP) — American pilots are flying more missions against North Vietnam and losing more planes than they did before President Johnson put the major part of the country off limits to them, statistics from the U.S. Command showed Thursday.

The command announced Thursday that North Vietnamese anti-aircraft fire brought down two more planes Wednesday, and the three crewmen are all missing.

549 Yanks Killed

U.S. troops losses also continued high, with 549 Americans reported killed in combat last week. It was the second highest weekly toll of the war for Amer-

ican troops. The South Vietnamese government reported 475 of its troops killed last week, while the allied estimate of enemy killed was 4,765.

The two planes were lost Wednesday as American fliers logged 135 missions against North Vietnam's southern panhandle, the highest number flown this month. The U.S. Command said the three crewmen were missing.

Hanoi Claim

Radio Hanoi claimed North Vietnamese gunners downed four planes Wednesday and captured all the pilots. It also charged that the United States is continuing "to conduct barba-

rous raids" on North Vietnam while W. Averell Harriman, the U.S. representative at the Paris peace talks, "claims the U.S. is ready to 'de-escalate the war.'"

The loss of the two planes raised the total reported lost in combat in the North to 10 in May and 842 since the start of the air war more than three years ago. One of the planes lost Wednesday was a Navy photo-reconnaissance RF8 Crusader, the other an Air Force F4 Phantom.

In February nine American warplanes were announced lost over the North. In March the number went to 11. During April, the first month Johnson's curtailment order was in effect,

16 U.S. planes were reported shot down.

The increase in losses was matched by an increase in the number of missions flown.

March Missions

During March, while the northeast monsoons were still producing heavy cloud cover and rain, 2,548 missions were flown over the whole of North Vietnam.

The monsoons began to lift in April, and although pilots then were limited to bombing North Vietnam's narrow southern panhandle below the 19th parallel, 3,412 missions were logged. So far in May pilots have flown 2,645 missions, and the final figure may top April's total.

Are Federal Laws Needed?

Your Credit Rating: Fear Agency Error May Ruin It

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate antitrust investigators are quietly examining credit reporting agencies to find out if federal laws are needed to protect ordinary citizens against agency mistakes that can ruin a person's credit rating.

The antitrust and monopoly subcommittee headed by Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich., plans early summer public hearings on evidence gathered by its investigators over the past several months.

'People Are Frightened'

"People are frightened," said a subcommittee investigator. "With the volume of credit multiplying, and increasing reliance on credit reporting bodies, we must see if credit reports are as fair and accurate as they should be."

The customer who buys merchandise on credit in essence asks the merchant to approve

his credit rating. The credit manager likely asks his local credit bureau what its centralized records show about the person's bill-paying habits. He may also question a credit bureau in the customer's former hometown.

A man looking for an insurance policy or a job may have credit agency checks run on him that involve not only his credit but other details of his personal life.

Report Is Cheap

The price of a report is cheap. For 4 to 8 cents, the credit grantor can see if his potential customer is on a nationwide list of bad risks.

For \$25, an insurance company can get a rundown on credit, personal habits and other details of an individual's life which may be based on from 2 to 10 interviews of his friends and associates.

A House subcommittee on privacy has been quizzing credit reporting agency officials for several months in attempting to determine whether their activities constitute an invasion of privacy.

Hart doesn't raise that question. The senator assumes as fact that information on a person's finances must be available in today's credit card society. His investigation is aimed at finding out whether legal safeguards are needed.

An investigator for Hart's subcommittee said it has received scores of complaints from persons who claim to have been victimized by credit reporting snafus, and hopes to get more before hearings begin.

Examples

Among examples in the subcommittee files are these complaints: A middle-income man from a

Southern state told investigators that his new automobile had so many defects that the manufacturer's credit financing division finally agreed to take back the car and require no further payments.

About this time the man was hired for a better job. But he lost the job when his credit record turned up with a blot on it. It turned out that the auto firm had listed the return of the defective car as a repossession — and wouldn't change the records.

The man's new employer said "right or wrong, I can't be bothered," and fired him, the subcommittee investigator said.

Dispute With Bank

A man in the housing business in an Eastern state had numerous lines of established credit to

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